



**Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau**

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**LOUISE MARGARETH ALCID**

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Dear Ms. Alcid,

This has reference to your letter dated 09 September 2019 requesting information on existing facilities related to ocean plastic waste awareness, programs related to ocean clean-up, and demand for entertainment facilities and research complex for ocean conservancy

Please be informed that we refer your request to our Toxic and Hazardous Waste Research, Development, and Extension Center (THWRDEC) to provide you some information that might be connected to your concern. You may also inquire the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) of DENR regarding their existing IEC and waste management programs facilities or installations specifically for the marine environment. We also celebrate Month of the Ocean (MOO) usually in May as mandated through Presidential Proclamation No. 57, series of 1999. The observance of MOO is led by DENR and the Department of Agriculture (DA) through the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR). For the 2019 MOO, coastal clean-up was done in some parts of the country. Meanwhile, the local government units (LGUs) are also implementing waste management program under R.A. 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000. Kindly communicate your concern with the nearest LGU as you might be able to glean pertinent information from the output of their initiatives. As regards to research complex for ocean conservation, you may inquire at the UP Marine Science Institute in Diliman.

On the other hand, our research center in the Visayas region has an on-going study on the quantification of microplastic in selected marine water bodies in the country. They are about to finish the water sample collection and will do a series of laboratory analyses in the coming months. We are uncertain if the study is related to your concern. Nonetheless, please let us know if you need more details about the said study by reaching to us through the contact details provided below.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
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